

# THE CROSSING

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#### ❖ *Fulbright Scholar, Tala Khudairi, Returns to RCC*

Dr. Khudairi, Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), and Roxbury Community College's first professor to receive the prestigious Fulbright Scholar Award, has returned to the College after spending time abroad. Dr. Khudairi taught pathophysiology courses and conducted research on quality assurance and assessment of STEM programs at the University of Jordan, Faculty of Pharmacy, in Amman, Jordan. In addition, she was integral in negotiating and planning with executive leaders of Jordan's Higher Education Accreditation Commission, Columbia University Middle East Research Center, American University of Madaba; University of Petra, and the Al-Hussein Fund for Excellence. The collaboration resulted in a highly successful two-day, hands-on, activity-based quality assurance workshop titled, "Competing Globally in Higher Education", where she was the lead workshop trainer.

#### ❖ *RCC's STEM Division Part of BEST Grant*

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Division is excited to announce Roxbury Community College's involvement in the Boston Energy in Science Teaching (BEST) grant. BEST is a \$2.1 million dollar National Science Foundation Phase II Math-Science Partnership grant. Through this grant, RCC will continue to work with the University of Massachusetts, Northeastern University, and Boston Public Schools as an extension of the College's work with the Boston Science Partnership. "The purpose of this project is to research the impact of using energy as a theme to integrate the sciences on student achievement and faculty research interests." RCC professors Stacy Olson and Kyrsis Rodriguez are involved in the project. Dr. Tala Khudairi will be on the BEST leadership team for the next two years. Dr. Brenda Mercomes, Vice President of Academic Affairs, serves on the Executive Board of BEST and was instrumental in securing RCC as a partner in BEST.

#### ❖ *RCC Professor's Involvement with GreenFest Grows*

Professor of Economics and Marketing, Nasreen Latif, and the Roxbury Community College Garden Project were major supporters of the 2011 Boston GreenFest, which ran from August 18 through the 20th. Professor Latif served as a volunteer member of the GreenFest planning committee and was a judge for the Metro Green Best Contest.

#### ❖ *Corporate & Community Education Offers New Program*

The Corporate and Community Education Department will hold a free information session about its new Veterinary Assistant Training Program on August 23rd at 6:00p.m. in Building 3, Room 121 at Roxbury Community College. The program is geared toward animal lovers, kennel workers, or anyone else who enjoys working with animals. Veterinary Assistants have been identified by the U.S. Department of Labor as one of the fastest growing professions.

- RCC Veterinary Announcement ([http://www.rcc.mass.edu/news/Roxbury\\_Vet.pdf](http://www.rcc.mass.edu/news/Roxbury_Vet.pdf))
- Bay State Banner Article (<http://www.baystatebanner.com/local20-2011-08-18>)

#### ❖ *Upcoming Events:*

- International Multicultural Institute 3rd Annual Celebration, September 20, 2011
- RCC Garden Fall Fest, September 29, 2011

(More information to follow in the September issue of THE CROSSING)